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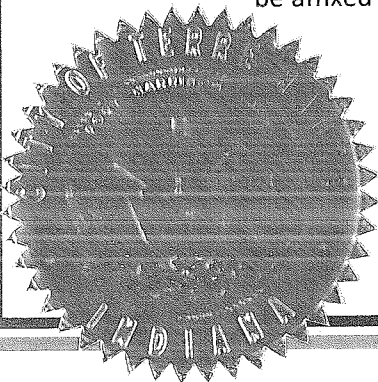
- Whereas: Good mental health is essential to the overall health and well being of our children and youth; and
- Whereas: building strong, healthy coping skills and support systems within their communities are effective ways to help these young people minimize the negative impact of life's challenges; and
- Whereas: for children and youth mental health conditions are not only real but can be chronic with significant negative impact, especially when faced with serious and on-going challenges; and
- Whereas: with evidenced based treatment these children and youth can learn from and grow past these challenges and have a powerful, positive impact on the lives of others by doing so; and
- Whereas: each individual, school, business, government agency, faith-based organization and health care provider has a responsibility to promote mental health awareness and support prevention and treatment efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

As the Mayor of Terre Haute, I also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Terre Haute, Vigo County and the Wabash Valley to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health needs of our children and youth, the steps they need to take to protect their mental health and the need for appropriate services for all people with mental health conditions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 23rd day of May, 2014



Duke A Bennett, Mayor